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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and statements by its President on the situation in Liberia and West Africa,

Welcoming the rapid progress made by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf since January 2006, in rebuilding Liberia for the benefit of all Liberians, with the support of the international community,

Applauding the actions of President Sirleaf, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, and others in the international community for their roles in transferring Charles Taylor to the Special Court for Sierra Leone,

Welcoming the Government of Liberia's progress in implementing the Governance and Economic Management Assistance Program, designed to ensure prompt implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and to expedite the lifting of the measures imposed by resolution 1521 (2003),

Applauding the Government of Liberia's commitment to transparent management of the country's forestry resources for the benefit of Liberians and its reforms in the timber sector, including promulgating Executive Order No. 1, which declared all purported forest concessions null and void; creating a Forest Reform Monitoring Committee (FRMC); placing an internationally recruited financial controller in the Forestry Development Authority, making progress towards implementing a management contract to ensure transparency in timber operations; establishing a mechanism for civil society to monitor the forestry sector; and drafting new forestry laws and regulations,

Stressing that Liberia's progress in the timber sector is held back by the absence of appropriate forestry legislation, and urging speedy adoption of the necessary laws,

Taking note of President Sirleaf's June 10 announcement of a moratorium on timber exports and new timber concessions pending the passage by the Liberian legislature of forestry legislation that respects Executive Order No. 1 of 2 February 2006, and that is consistent with the recommendations of the FRMC,

Welcoming the Government of Liberia's continuing cooperation with the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and noting Liberia's progress towards compliance with the Kimberley Process,

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Stressing the continuing importance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) in improving security throughout Liberia and helping the new Government establish its authority throughout the country, particularly in the diamond and timber-producing regions, and border areas,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Panel of Experts on Liberia dated 7 June 2006 (S/2006/379),

Having reviewed the measures imposed and conditions set out by paragraphs 6 through 9 of resolution 1521 (2003) and concluding that insufficient progress has been made towards meeting those conditions,

Having reviewed the measures imposed and conditions set out by paragraphs 10 and 11 of resolution 1521 (2003), and concluding that sufficient progress has been made towards meeting those conditions,

Underlining its determination to support the Government of Liberia, and encouraging donors to do likewise,

Determining that the situation in Liberia continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* not to renew the measure in paragraph 10 of resolution 1521 (2003) that obligates Member States to prevent the import into their territories of all round log and timber products originating in Liberia;

2. *Decides* to review the decision in paragraph one (1) after a period of ninety (90) days and expresses its determination to reinstate the measures in paragraph 10 of resolution 1521 (2003) unless the Council is informed by that time that the forestry legislation proposed by the FRMC has been passed;

3. *Urges* the speedy adoption of the forestry legislation proposed by the FRMC;

4. *Further decides* that the measures imposed by paragraph 6 of resolution 1521 (2003) shall be renewed for an additional six (6) months with a review by the Council after four (4) months, to allow the Government of Liberia sufficient time to establish an effective Certificate of Origin regime for trade in Liberian rough diamonds that is transparent and internationally verifiable, with a view to joining the Kimberley Process, and calls upon the Government of Liberia to provide the Sanctions Committee, established according to paragraph 21 of resolution 1521 (2003) with a detailed description of the proposed regime;

5. *Requests* that the Secretary-General renew for an additional six (6) months the mandate of the Panel of Experts re-established according to paragraph 9 of resolution 1647 (2005), and requests that the Panel of Experts report to the Council through the Committee no later than 15 December 2006 its observations and recommendations;

6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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The Security Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the situation in Timor-Leste, in particular its resolution 1599 (2005) of 28 April 2005 and resolution 1677 (2006) of 12 May 2006,

Expressing its deep concern over the volatile security situation in Timor-Leste and its serious humanitarian repercussions,

Condemning continuing acts of violence against people and destruction of property,

Welcoming the initiatives taken by the Secretary-General, including the work of his Special Envoy to Timor-Leste to assess the situation on the ground,

Taking note of the letter dated 11 June 2006 addressed to the Secretary-General from the President of the Republic of Timor-Leste, the President of the Parliament and the Prime Minister (S/2006/383), as well as the letter dated 8 June addressed to the Secretary-General from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defence of Timor-Leste (S/2006/391),

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste,

Remaining fully committed to the promotion of long-lasting stability in Timor-Leste,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (UNOTIL) until 20 August 2006 with a view to planning for the role of the United Nations following the expiration of the mandate of UNOTIL;

2. *Expresses its appreciation and full support* for the deployment of international security forces by the Governments of Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia in response to the request of the Government of Timor-Leste and their activities aiming to restore and maintain security in Timor-Leste, *takes note with appreciation* that the work of those international forces is also facilitating the provision of humanitarian assistance and humanitarian access to the people of Timor-Leste in need, and *encourages* those countries to continue to inform the Council of their activities;

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3. *Calls upon* the international security forces to continue to work in close coordination with the Government of Timor-Leste as well as the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (UNOTIL);

4. *Urges* all parties in Timor-Leste to refrain from violence and to participate in the democratic process;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Council by 7 August 2006 a report on the role for the United Nations in Timor-Leste following the expiration of the mandate of UNOTIL, taking into account the current situation and the need for a strengthened presence of the United Nations;

6. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Secretary-General to ask the High Commissioner for Human Rights to take the lead in establishing an independent special inquiry commission in response to the request made by the Government of Timor-Leste in the letter dated 8 June 2006, and *requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council informed on this matter;

7. *Calls upon* the donor community to respond urgently and positively to the Flash Appeal launched by the United Nations on 12 June 2006 for humanitarian assistance to Timor-Leste;

8. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.